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RHODESIA FREEING ITSELF FROM FETTERS OF LIBERALISM

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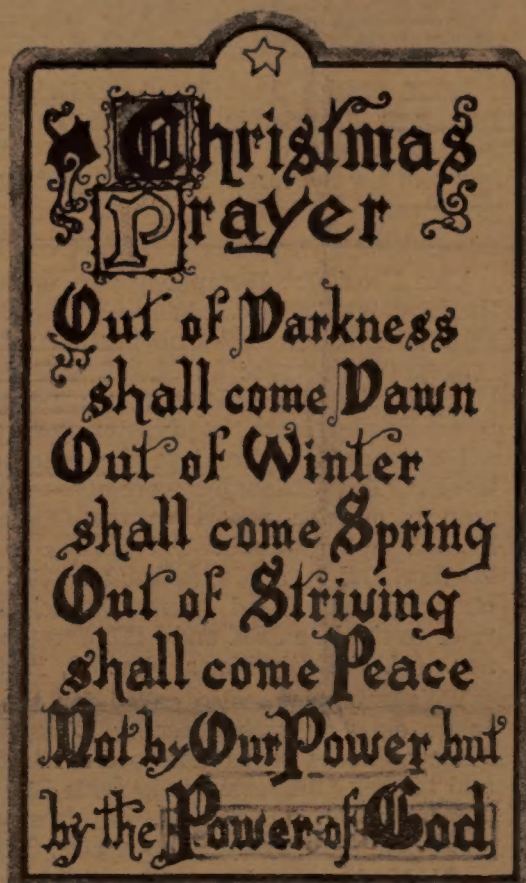
For the first time since the helter-skelter retreat of Europeans before the onrush of barbarism, backed by alien finance, began, a British community has dared to stand fast, declare unswerving allegiance to the Crown and defy, not only a British Government but the entire finance-regimented world, determined to prize it out of the land which it tamed, civilized and made prosperous. This is not the first time in history that the authority of London has been repudiated or evaded, but certainly never before has a stand been made against a British Government so politically depraved as to take the lead in marshalling, or attempting to marshal the whole of mankind against its own kith and kin—kith and kin who are upholding the torch of civilization in a continent which everywhere to the north of the Zambezi is still — and in the absence of the White man always will be — a jungle of savagery and a vast nursery-bed of the most fiendish and filthy cruelties, actual or potential.

A Beacon

Ian Smith and his Government have performed what seemed at one time a deed which no British nation retained the nerve to carry through — it has rescued from the abyss of cancerous political degeneracy the heroic thing which is the soul of the British peoples. Although jackal administrations elsewhere have already aligned themselves with London, which itself is only a front for the dominant Wall-St. finance-houses, it may be that the Rhodesian declaration of independence under the Crown will serve as a beacon to reawaken in Britons everywhere on earth their historic will to greatness. It may even be that the fortitude of Rhodesia in resisting abominable pressures, external and internal, will not only stop the dry-rot, but lead to a general British and European counter-attack against rampant subversive financial and political interests, and ensure the return of the rule of law over huge areas of the earth's surface which have been abandoned to barbarism.

In other words, Rhodesia's deliberate action in upholding spiritual values in the teeth of threats to the Rhodesian pocket may — and indeed should — result in the resounding defeat of the diabolical forces of materialism which now have almost the entire world in thrall.

The Rhodesian Government, in pursuing its policy of freeing itself from the fetters of a festering, malodorous liberalism, has — in all matters except timing — taken the precise steps recommended by this periodical, as well as in the strong views expressed by the present writer to Mr. Ian Smith personally, and in subsequent letters and telegrams. That the heat at full blast was turned on the Rhodesian Prime Minister to succumb to financial force majeure has been evident from the first, and the greatest credit should be given to the stalwarts of the Rhodesian Front for the support they accorded him against the powerful and devious intrigues of Rhodesian vested interests, which have shown a



craven desire to protect their own profits and which elsewhere in Africa have been content to see established the rule of tyrannical Black governments amenable to their influence.

Decisive Support

There is some evidence to suggest that the support of the Rhodesian Front caucus was decisive. The British Prime Minister, summing up the position when reporting to the House of Commons, said that early on the morning of the fateful November 11 — a day when loyal Britons the world over commemorate the valour of their warrior dead — he was in telephonic communication with Mr. Smith, in which he claimed to have proved beyond reasonable doubt that every point made by the Rhodesian Government had been fully dealt with on terms which it must find satisfactory. He added:

"Mr. Smith, who gave me no indication that a decision to take illegal action had been made, went on indeed to say that his Government were then, while I was speaking to him, in the midst of discussing this. I should add that Mr. Smith went on to say — it was a perfectly frank and friendly conversation — that his Cabinet and he himself regretted that this had happened at this stage. He said — and I quote him — 'You find yourself in a position that has gone too far not because of actions on your part'".

Much as I despise the conduct throughout of the British Prime Minister there is no reason to think that he was not speaking the truth. Whether Mr. Smith's use of the second person meant "one" and not "you" — which as a figure of speech is common enough — or whether it referred to Harold Wilson, is not made clear, but whatever the explanation, beyond question the position

which "went too far" was the position insisted upon by the Rhodesia Front. Wilson himself testified to the fact when he said of the Rhodesian Premier: "He has been in these past weeks under intolerable pressure from some of his colleagues and from the unreasoning extremists of the Rhodesian Front."

No Discredit

The stalwarts thus castigated, who are "unreasonable" enough to insist that their country and its inhabitants, both White and Black, should be saved from any possibility of the re-enactment in their well-governed land of the diabolism of Mau Mau or of the fiendish amok-run in the Congo, will treat with composure smear-words such as "extremist" and "rebel" hurled at them by a smug political slickster who only a few weeks ago was singing "The Red Flag" at the annual conference of the Labour Party. Nor is it to the discredit of Mr. Ian Smith that the momentous step he has taken should have been preceded by doubts and hesitations. Men of heroic stature would not possess that stature were their courses of action plain sailing, with no moments of personal weakness to overcome.

Nevertheless what Harold Wilson told the House of Commons, placed in conjunction with the series of anti-climaxes contrived by the Ian Smith Government during the last year and more, should be a warning to the Rhodesia Front that their very fine leader will require all the support and all the courage they can place at his disposal to see him and the country safely through the gruelling times which lie ahead. They should also remember that they have many friends in the world, not only in South Africa, where they have the sympathy and good-will of both principal parties, but even in the United Kingdom, and persuade their Government that the time is long overdue for it to acknowledge those of its real friends who have the guts and resolution to stand by Rhodesia until, if need be, the bitter end. Not that the end should be bitter. It is almost certain to lead to more abundant life.

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